MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S.

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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DATA MONTH: DECEMBER, 1984

Missouri unemployment was little changed in November, and total employment showed the expected seasonal decrease. The unemployment rate edged up a tenth of a percentage point from October to 6.0 percent in November, the same as in September. About 139,000 Missourians were jobless in both October and November, while 2,192,700 were employed in November.

Comparison to November 1983 shows a gain of 52,200 in total employment and a drop of 53,800 in unemployment. During the twelve month period, the unemployment rate dropped 2.3 percentage points.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment has changed little since September. November nonfarm payroll employment was estimated as 1,977,500, compared to 1,975,800 in September. The number of manufacturing jobs decreased slightly during the two-month period, while seasonal declines took place in construction, retail trade, and services. These were more than outweighed by the gain of 11,600 in state and local government employment, which was mostly seasonal.

The factory workweek remained strong; the November figure of 40.3 hours was down only a tenth of an hour from October. Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers were up by $1.87 in November to $384.46, while the hourly figure increased 7 cents to $9.47. Weekly earnings have shown a gain of 6.1 percent over the past 12 months.

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
5-YEAR HISTORICAL SERIES

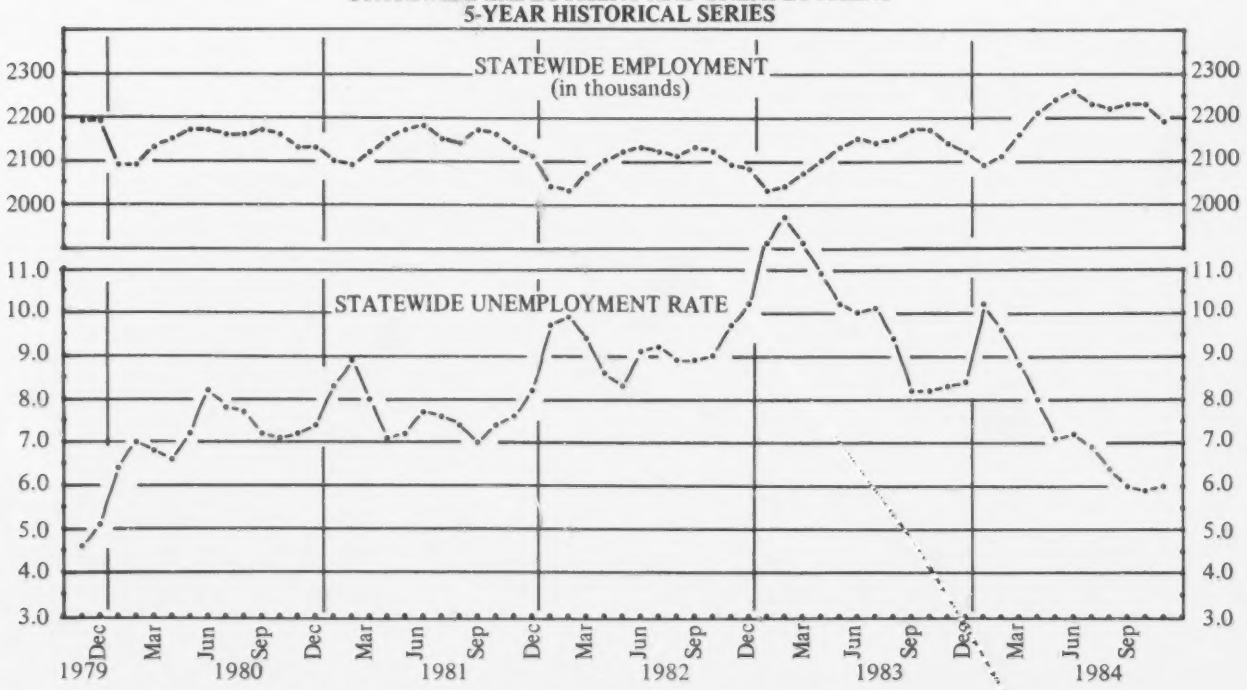

TABLE 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - NOV 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - OCT 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - NOV 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2331640	2192674	138966	6.0	2369596	2230098	139498	5.9	2333192	2140445	192747	8.3
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1149036	1073721	75315	6.6	1154946	1072786	82160	7.1	1144950	1042114	102836	9.0
KANSAS CITY SMSA	688353	655722	32631	4.7	691501	658730	32771	4.7	685949	641876	44073	6.4
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	113569	108377	5192	4.6	115045	109775	5270	4.6	114731	107320	7411	6.5
COLUMBIA SMSA	59554	57705	1849	3.1	60478	58504	1974	3.3	56164	53944	2220	4.0
JOPLIN SMSA	58112	54868	3244	5.6	58856	55620	3236	5.5	57066	52336	4730	8.3
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	44565	41297	3268	7.3	45265	41786	3479	7.7	45303	41292	4091	9.0
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	15821	14981	840	5.3	16138	15386	752	4.7	16366	15430	936	5.7
ATCHISON	4047	3824	223	5.5	4285	4041	244	5.7	5214	4991	223	4.3
AUDRAIN	10957	10276	681	6.2	11367	10663	704	6.2	10715	9798	917	8.6
BARRY	11365	10630	735	6.5	11459	10937	522	4.6	11386	10412	974	8.6
BARTON	4953	4705	248	5.0	5132	4964	168	3.3	4920	4636	284	5.8
BATES	7251	6874	377	5.2	7765	7393	372	4.8	7531	6897	634	8.4
BENTON	5396	5055	341	6.3	5591	5281	310	5.5	5178	4638	540	10.4
BOLLINGER	3061	2653	408	13.3	3139	2764	375	11.9	3016	2548	468	15.5
BUTLER	16626	15237	1389	8.4	16871	15522	1349	8.0	15604	13770	1834	11.8
CALDWELL	3502	3336	166	4.7	3817	3606	211	5.5	3593	3309	284	7.9
CALLAWAY	17617	16493	1124	6.4	18607	17442	1165	6.3	20344	18961	1383	6.8
CAMDEN	12236	11321	915	7.5	12935	12253	682	5.3	10998	9932	1066	9.7
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31110	29807	1303	4.2	31479	30081	1398	4.4	30883	28956	1927	6.2
CARROLL	4458	4204	254	5.7	4727	4448	279	5.9	4505	4136	369	8.2
CARTER	2642	2282	360	13.6	2654	2384	270	10.2	2812	2411	401	14.3
CEDAR	4273	4002	271	6.3	4504	4237	267	5.9	4234	3935	299	7.1
CHARITON	4797	4491	306	6.4	5215	4865	350	6.7	4704	4245	459	9.8
CLARK	3225	2913	312	9.7	3419	3114	305	8.9	3256	2929	327	10.0
CLINTON	7100	6676	424	6.0	7369	6980	389	5.3	7149	6679	470	6.6
COLE/OSAGE LMA	36622	34664	1958	5.3	37080	34868	2212	6.0	36141	33669	2472	6.8
COOPER	6669	6301	368	5.5	7059	6691	368	5.2	6971	6495	476	6.8
CRAWFORD	7051	6427	624	8.8	7363	6888	475	6.5	7044	6367	677	9.6
DADE	3738	3600	138	3.7	3945	3829	116	2.9	3708	3504	204	5.5
DALLAS	4528	4205	323	7.1	4745	4478	267	5.6	4583	4104	479	10.5
DAVIESS	2956	2765	191	6.5	3169	2990	179	5.6	2824	2527	297	10.5
DEKALB	3286	3114	172	5.2	3461	3287	174	5.0	3136	2944	192	6.1
DENT	5797	5226	571	9.8	6046	5492	554	9.2	5913	5169	744	12.6
DOUGLAS	4347	3755	592	13.6	4718	4191	527	11.2	4377	3939	438	10.0
DUNKLIN	12552	11289	1263	10.1	13284	12026	1258	9.5	12860	11193	1667	13.0
GASCONADE	6977	6585	392	5.6	7115	6759	356	5.0	6776	6361	415	6.1
GENTRY	3920	3774	146	3.7	4085	3971	114	2.8	3985	3722	263	6.6
GRUNDY	5037	4766	271	5.4	5330	4941	389	7.3	5162	4692	470	9.1
HARRISON	4865	4651	214	4.4	5188	4983	205	4.0	4764	4439	325	6.8
HENRY	9462	8978	484	5.1	9759	9257	502	5.1	9315	8310	1005	10.8
HICKORY	2341	2170	171	7.3	2515	2367	148	5.9	2174	1961	213	9.8
HOLT	3233	3124	109	3.4	3502	3384	118	3.4	3243	3079	164	5.1
HOWARD	4440	4219	221	5.0	4652	4455	197	4.2	4436	4082	354	8.0
HOWELL	13168	12065	1103	8.4	13133	12178	955	7.3	13128	11895	1233	9.4
IRON	4343	3608	735	16.9	4411	3671	740	16.8	4542	3954	588	12.9
JOHNSON	16608	16040	568	3.4	16979	16350	629	3.7	15921	14977	944	5.9
KNOX	2262	2127	135	6.0	2457	2314	143	5.8	2450	2225	225	9.2
LACLEDE	11023	10065	958	8.7	11316	10315	1001	8.8	11151	10270	881	7.9
LAFAYETTE	14060	13419	641	4.6	14585	13897	688	4.7	13979	13045	934	6.7
LAWRENCE	12131	11251	880	7.3	12155	11461	694	5.7	11570	10563	1007	8.7

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LEWIS	5305	4939	366	6.9	5578	5181	397	7.1	5070	4429	641	12.6
LINCOLN	10215	9508	707	6.9	10523	9887	636	6.0	10004	9098	906	9.1
LINN	7396	6735	661	8.9	7721	7022	699	9.1	7877	6844	1033	13.1
LIVINGSTON	6538	6107	431	6.6	6812	6383	429	6.3	6838	6239	599	8.8
MACON	6932	6514	418	6.0	7163	6788	375	5.2	6752	6196	556	8.2
MADISON	3748	3425	323	8.6	3756	3396	360	9.6	3899	3446	453	11.6
MARIES	2445	2242	203	8.3	2623	2396	227	8.7	2543	2307	236	9.3
MARION/RALLS LMA	17752	16640	1112	6.3	18240	17124	1116	6.1	18355	16570	1785	9.7
MCDONALD	5403	5072	331	6.1	5643	5260	383	6.8	5528	4969	559	10.1
MERCER	1673	1598	75	4.5	1866	1781	85	4.6	1834	1687	147	8.0
MILLER	10104	9000	1104	10.9	10299	9490	809	7.9	9891	8770	1121	11.3
MISSISSIPPI	6382	5768	614	9.6	6410	5824	586	9.1	6279	5505	774	12.3
MONITEAU	4698	4283	415	8.8	4897	4503	394	8.0	4781	4341	440	9.2
MONROE	4374	4185	189	4.3	4708	4487	221	4.7	4362	4090	272	6.2
MONTGOMERY	5026	4666	360	7.2	5278	4948	330	6.3	5261	4802	459	8.7
MORGAN	5489	4766	723	13.2	5808	5257	551	9.5	5287	4682	605	11.4
NEW MADRID	10910	10143	767	7.0	11510	10754	756	6.6	10860	9912	948	8.7
NODAWAY	10372	10014	358	3.5	10997	10559	438	4.0	10373	9861	512	4.9
OREGON	3097	2719	378	12.2	3122	2817	305	9.8	2921	2596	325	11.1
OZARK	4039	3693	346	8.6	4280	4004	276	6.4	3761	3460	301	8.0
PEMISCOT	7946	7275	671	8.4	8216	7480	736	9.0	8074	7073	1001	12.4
PERRY	6956	6507	449	6.5	7133	6661	472	6.6	6781	6292	489	7.2
PETTIS	16252	15192	1060	6.5	16516	15496	1020	6.2	15818	14397	1421	9.0
PHELPS	15752	14828	924	5.9	15814	14906	908	5.7	15422	14242	1180	7.7
PIKE	6729	6148	581	8.6	7104	6518	586	8.2	6892	6186	706	10.2
POLK	8789	8358	431	4.9	8917	8526	391	4.4	8633	7962	671	7.8
PULASKI	8774	8160	614	7.0	8806	8171	635	7.2	8808	7902	906	10.3
PUTNAM	2863	2706	157	5.5	3061	2931	130	4.2	2992	2769	223	7.5
RANDOLPH	11207	10567	640	5.7	11479	10885	594	5.2	11475	10522	953	8.3
REYNOLDS	2194	1903	291	13.3	2254	1995	259	11.5	2568	2026	542	21.1
RIPLEY	3212	2911	301	9.4	3250	2975	275	8.5	3372	2896	476	14.1
SALINE	13402	12814	588	4.4	13800	13185	615	4.5	13588	12737	851	6.3
SCOTLAND	2298	2166	132	5.7	2484	2379	105	4.2	2401	2228	173	7.2
SCOTT	16728	15404	1324	7.9	17127	15708	1419	8.3	17384	15576	1808	10.4
SHANNON	3054	2562	492	16.1	3101	2759	342	11.0	3047	2478	569	18.7
SHELBY	3083	2968	115	3.7	3368	3223	145	4.3	3171	2973	198	6.2
ST. CLAIR	3648	3450	198	5.4	3809	3650	159	4.2	3721	3451	270	7.3
ST. FRANCOIS	19239	17576	1663	8.6	19446	17735	1711	8.8	19503	17406	2097	10.8
STE. GENEVIEVE	5567	5163	404	7.3	5578	5199	379	6.8	5710	5295	415	7.3
STODDARD	12170	11280	890	7.3	12636	11658	978	7.7	12240	10883	1357	11.1
STONE	7021	6020	1001	14.3	8343	7813	530	6.4	6526	5413	1113	17.1
SULLIVAN	3307	3118	189	5.7	3483	3312	171	4.9	3278	3052	226	6.9
TANEY	13862	12401	1461	10.5	15773	15103	670	4.2	12054	10534	1520	12.6
TEXAS	7834	6842	992	12.7	8071	6882	1189	14.7	7747	6754	993	12.8
VERNON	9289	8823	466	5.0	9547	9118	429	4.5	9370	8776	594	6.3
WARREN	6459	6042	417	6.5	6527	6109	418	6.4	6051	5494	557	9.2
WASHINGTON	4459	3625	834	18.7	4429	3736	693	15.6	4442	3542	900	20.3
WAYNE	4256	3695	561	13.2	4264	3773	491	11.5	4026	3432	594	14.8
WEBSTER	7580	6954	626	8.3	7815	7195	620	7.9	7607	6827	780	10.3
WORTH	1095	1001	94	8.6	1147	1097	50	4.4	1099	983	116	10.6
WRIGHT	7040	6463	577	8.2	7406	6815	591	8.0	7265	6662	603	8.3

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
DECEMBER, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1977.5	1980.0	1944.3									
Total Manufacturing	418.8	421.1	410.8	384.46	382.59	360.90	40.3	40.4	40.1	9.54	9.47	9.00
Durable Goods	238.1	240.0	230.4	423.33	422.09	398.29	41.1	41.3	40.6	10.30	10.22	9.81
Lumber & Wood Products	9.5	9.7	9.1	352.36	239.12	221.36	38.3	39.2	38.1	6.20	6.10	5.81
Furniture & Fixtures	9.3	9.2	9.1	327.00	333.14	315.98	43.6	44.3	42.7	7.50	7.52	7.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.7	10.6	10.9	409.90	411.68	415.17	39.3	40.6	41.6	10.43	10.14	9.98
Cement, Hydraulic	1.1	1.0	1.1	484.22	551.14	536.11	35.5	40.2	39.8	13.64	13.71	13.47
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.3	2.2	435.46	451.95	416.10	37.8	39.3	38.0	11.52	11.50	10.95
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.4	7.3	7.6	393.90	383.35	398.90	40.4	41.0	42.8	9.75	9.35	9.32
Primary Metal Industries	13.2	13.4	12.9	411.38	399.31	438.18	38.7	37.6	40.2	10.63	10.62	10.90
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.0	2.1	1.7	339.69	335.75	345.14	39.0	39.5	39.9	8.71	8.50	8.65
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.5	2.7	2.6	340.69	339.36	320.37	42.8	42.0	40.4	7.96	8.08	7.93
Other Primary Metals	8.5	8.6	8.6	460.04	439.67	506.12	37.1	35.4	40.2	12.40	12.42	12.59
Fabricated Metal Products	28.6	28.8	28.1	376.27	378.51	389.91	40.2	40.7	41.0	9.36	9.30	9.51
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	9.9	9.9	9.9	350.95	358.02	366.62	39.3	40.5	40.2	8.93	8.84	9.12
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.7	18.9	18.2									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.3	30.5	30.8	399.33	405.90	405.19	40.5	41.0	40.6	9.86	9.90	9.98
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	49.2	49.6	45.3	375.60	368.78	354.40	40.0	39.4	40.0	9.39	9.36	8.86
Transportation Equipment	68.9	69.4	65.5	593.18	593.48	499.75	44.4	45.2	40.4	13.36	13.13	12.37
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.2	30.8	27.6	630.81	633.12	498.58	46.9	48.0	40.8	13.45	13.19	12.22
Other Transportation Equip.	38.7	38.6	37.9	525.88	521.30	503.54	39.9	40.1	39.9	13.18	13.00	12.82
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.7	11.8	11.8	321.14	305.52	332.54	39.5	38.0	43.3	8.13	8.04	7.68
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.9	7.0	6.9	263.59	261.19	252.17	39.4	39.1	39.9	6.69	6.68	6.32
Nondurable Goods	180.7	181.1	180.3	334.77	333.26	314.41	39.2	39.3	39.4	8.54	8.48	7.98
Food & Kindred Products	45.3	45.3	45.2	387.63	397.40	377.04	41.4	41.7	42.7	9.63	9.53	8.83
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	12.3	12.1	12.0	285.12	301.46	304.73	40.5	42.7	44.1	7.04	7.06	6.91
Dairy Products	6.3	6.3	6.3	383.53	380.52	348.27	42.1	42.0	39.0	9.11	9.06	8.93
Grain Mill Products	6.9	6.9	7.4	472.61	433.72	448.29	45.4	42.9	45.1	10.41	10.11	9.94
Bakery Products	5.6	5.7	5.7	393.95	390.53	374.36	38.1	38.4	37.7	10.34	10.17	9.93
Beverages	10.3	10.3	9.9	586.80	580.02	467.74	40.0	39.7	41.8	14.67	14.61	11.19

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INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	3.9	4.0	3.9	405.00	403.24	402.74	42.1	41.7	44.6	9.62	9.67	9.03
Textile & Apparel	24.9	25.0	25.8	190.08	192.96	179.05	35.2	35.8	34.7	5.40	5.39	5.16
Paper & Allied Products	12.8	12.9	12.7	382.30	372.11	351.75	41.6	41.3	40.2	9.19	9.01	8.75
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.4	6.6	6.4	368.55	365.98	360.60	40.5	40.8	40.7	9.10	8.97	8.86
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.4	6.3	6.3	394.90	376.97	342.14	42.6	41.7	39.6	9.27	9.04	8.64
Printing & Publishing	38.2	38.2	36.9	374.36	379.23	354.16	38.2	38.5	38.0	9.80	9.85	9.32
Commercial Printing	12.8	12.8	12.1	438.06	447.45	409.86	40.3	40.9	39.6	10.87	10.94	10.35
Other Printing & Publishing	25.4	25.4	24.8	313.49	312.27	306.71	36.2	36.1	36.6	8.66	8.65	8.38
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.2	28.2	27.5	470.64	470.48	422.68	42.4	42.5	42.1	11.10	11.07	10.04
Leather & Leather Products	18.3	18.3	19.3	186.91	183.91	192.68	35.2	34.7	36.7	5.31	5.30	5.25
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.6	14.6	15.0	183.40	179.73	189.07	35.0	34.3	36.5	5.24	5.24	5.18
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	3.7	3.7	4.3	200.48	200.93	203.86	35.8	36.4	37.2	5.60	5.52	5.48
Other Nondurable Goods	13.0	13.2	13.0	311.13	300.29	310.50	41.1	40.2	41.4	7.57	7.47	7.50
Total Nonmanufacturing	1558.7	1558.9	1533.5									
Mining	6.0	6.0	6.6									
Construction	78.8	80.9	77.7									
Transportation & Public Util.	137.0	137.4	132.9									
Railroad Transportation	13.4	13.4	13.4									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	66.7	67.0	66.5									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.9	57.0	53.0									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	468.4	465.3	460.9									
Wholesale Trade	126.7	126.4	125.5									
Retail Trade	341.7	338.9	335.4									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	109.2	109.4	108.7									
Services	413.2	416.8	409.8									
Government	346.1	343.1	336.9									
Federal Government	69.6	69.5	68.3									
State & Local Government	276.5	273.6	268.6									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments.

Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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NATIONAL LABOR MARKET AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

National unemployment fell two-tenths of a percentage point in November, after having been relatively flat since May. Employment was up, with total civilian employment having risen by 285,000 and nonfarm payroll employment by 300,000 in November. Each of these measures has grown by more than 3 million in the past year.

Growth of the nation's production of goods and services appears to have accelerated slightly in the fourth quarter from the third quarter's anemic rate of 1.6 percent. Although the Commerce Department's highly-preliminary "flash" estimate shows only a 2.8 percent rate of growth for the fourth quarter, some analysts think this indicates a return to a more healthy growth trend. Strong growth in the U.S. Commerce Department's index of leading economic indicators in November suggests the economy is regaining some strength. A 3 to 4 percent growth rate for next year appears to be the consensus of forecasters.

OUTLOOK

After one more month (December) of limited seasonal change, the sharp winter seasonal changes in employment and unemployment should dominate the Missouri labor market picture. With the economy appearing to be returning toward a somewhat more sound footing, chances of deterioration in labor market conditions do not seem great in the next few months. The rapid economic growth experienced in early 1984 is not likely to be repeated in 1985, so large gains in employment and rapid drops in unemployment such as those experienced earlier this year are not expected in 1985.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – DECEMBER, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,331,700	2,369,600	2,333,100	-37,900	-1,400
Total Employed	2,192,700	2,230,100	2,140,400	-37,400	52,300
Total Unemployed	139,000	139,500	192,700	-500	-53,700
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.0	5.9	8.3	0.1	-2.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,977,500	1,980,000	1,944,300	-2,500	33,200
Manufacturing	418,800	421,100	410,800	-2,300	8,000
Durable Goods	238,100	240,000	230,400	-1,900	7,700
Nondurable Goods	180,700	181,100	180,400	-400	300
Nonmanufacturing	1,558,700	1,558,900	1,533,500	-200	25,200
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	8,549	7,997	8,290	552	259
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	42,097	34,252	43,936	7,845	-1,839
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.3	2.1	2.8	-0.8	-1.5
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,403	3,300	4,558	103	-1,155
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,096,821	$11,070,303	$13,359,212	$2,026,518	-$262,391
State U.I.	12,784,657	10,798,154	12,963,432	1,986,503	-178,775
UCFE	147,689	128,548	171,642	19,141	-23,953
UCX	164,475	143,601	224,138	20,874	-59,663

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

NOVEMBER, 1984

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

The unemployment rate for the Kansas City Area stood at 4.7 per cent in November 1984, unchanged from the revised October rate, but down by 1.7 percentage points from the rate prevailing last year in November. Despite the strong gain in seasonal employment in the Retail Trade sector, seasonal losses in Construction, Services and non-payroll employment contributed to a drop in the civilian employment (by place-of-residence) of 3,000 residents. The number of unemployed persons was down by 200 over-the-month to 32,600 and down by 11,500 from last year's level. Despite showing a decline of 3,200 over-the-month, the civilian labor force was up by 2,300 over the level last year. Both payroll employment with 13,800 additional jobs and civilian employment with 13,900 additional workers showed comparable growth over-the-year.

Wage and salaried employment in November 1984 was 634,600 persons, up by 300 from the October 1984 total of 634,300 persons. The modest increase occurred as losses spread among the manufacturing industries and seasonal losses in Construction and Services dampened the seasonal gains in Retail Grade. In addition to a gain of 2,300 jobs in Retail Trade, as merchants prepared for the holiday shopping, moderate gains of 300 jobs each occurred in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate and State and Local Government. All other nonmanufacturing industries were unchanged or showed job losses over-the-month. Services declined by 1,000 as lay offs in recreational activities continued. Construction began its winter slump with a decline of 900 jobs and wholesale trade showed a moderate loss of 200 jobs over-the-month.

Overall employment in the manufacturing sector fell by 500 jobs over-the-month. Small losses were spread across the goods producing industries, Durable Goods manufacturing showed the most decline with losses in Stone, Clay and Glass, Fabricated Metals, Machinery, Electrical Equipment and Motor Vehicles. Within the nondurable goods manufacturing sector, Paper and Allied and Printing and Publishing showed small declines. Modest gains were recorded in Lumber and Furniture, Primary metals and Chemicals.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 13,900 jobs from November 1983 to November 1984, with employment gains of 2,000 in Durable Goods Manufacturing, 2,300 jobs in Nondurable Goods manufacturing and 9,600 jobs in Nonmanufacturing. The Construction industry showed the largest over-the-year growth as increased building construction contracts added 2,900 more jobs to the area. Among other nonmanufacturing industries, increased consumer and business activity spurred the growth of 1,900 additional jobs in the Service sector, 1,700 more jobs in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate and 1,400 new jobs in Wholesale Trade. Except for a small loss in State and Local Government, all other industries within the sector showed over-the-year gains. Among the manufacturing industries, Motor Vehicles accounted for 1,400 of the total 4,300 jobs added over the year. Electrical Equipment and Printing and Publishing recorded gains of 1,200 jobs each. As in previous months, the only significant loss in Manufacturing over-the-year occurred in Machinery which dropped by 1,000.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 32,600 in November 1984, for 4.7 per cent of the labor force, compared to 32,800 in October 1984 for 4.7 per cent of the labor force and 44,100 in November 1983 for 6.4 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Unseasonally mild December weather conditions may dampen the usually severe slump in Construction employment, but reported lay-offs in Manufacturing may contribute to a slight rise in the December unemployment rate. Retail trade employment will peak as merchants hire temporary workers to serve holiday shoppers. Service employment will continue to taper off as the year ends. The unemployment rate is expected to be 4.8 per cent of the labor force in December 1984, compared to 4.7 per cent in November 1984 and 6.3 per cent in December 1983.

Lay-offs across several nonmanufacturing industries will push the January unemployment rate close to the six per cent level. As the holidays draw to a close, area merchants will lay off seasonal workers and send retail trade employment down sharply. Services employment will reach its yearly low point. Construction employment will continue to decline. The only significant increase expected will be the seasonal hiring of tax processors. The unemployment rate is expected to be 5.8 per cent of the labor force in January 1985, compared to 7.9 per cent in January 1984.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 29,225 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of November 1984. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	16.8
	22-44	67.5
	45 and over	15.7
Sex:	Male	60.1
	Female	39.9
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	33.5
	Other Non-White	1.1
	Hispanic	2.0

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	49.9
Veterans	21.0
Handicapped	2.9

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated November 30, 1984.

JOB PLACEMENTS

During November 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 9,153 and job placements totaled 2,440. There were 1,354 veteran referrals in November 1984, with 274 veteran placements. During October 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 10,399 and job placements totaled 2,487. There were 1,788 veteran referals in October 1984, with 378 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated November 30, 1984.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) NOVEMBER, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	17.1	18.3	17.7
25-34	39.4	35.9	38.0
35-44	21.9	22.0	21.9
45-54	11.6	12.9	12.1
55-64	8.9	9.0	8.9
65 and over	0.7	1.8	1.2
Unreported	0.4	0.1	0.2

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.3
Mining	0.2
Construction	7.1
Manufacturing	23.8
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	4.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	18.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.6
Services	31.0
All Other	10.2
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12.3
Clerical	18.0
Sales	4.0
Services	17.1
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0.6
Processing	2.6
Machine Trades	6.4
Bench Work	5.0
Structural Work	10.3
Miscellaneous	15.4
Information not available	8.3

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 4,746; 2,824 were male and 1,917 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: November, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	634,600	634,300	620,700	+300	+13,900
Total Manufacturing	116,700	117,300	112,400	-500	+4,300
Durable Goods	66,700	67,100	64,700	-400	+2,000
Lumber & Furniture	2,900	2,800	2,800	+100	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-100
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,500	3,200	+100	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	9,400	9,500	9,400	-100	0
Machinery Except Electrical	7,600	7,800	8,600	-200	-1,000
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,600	21,700	20,400	-100	+1,200
Transportation Equipment	14,200	14,300	12,800	-100	+1,400
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,000)	(14,100)	(12,600)	(-100)	(+1,400)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
Nondurable Goods	50,000	50,100	47,700	-100	+2,300
Food & Kindred Products	9,500	9,500	9,300	0	+200
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,300	0	+300
Paper & Allied Products	5,000	5,100	5,000	-100	0
Printing & Publishing	18,900	19,000	17,700	-100	+1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,700	8,600	8,200	+100	+500
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	+100
Total Nonmanufacturing	517,900	517,100	508,300	+800	+9,600
Mining & Quarrying	600	600	500	0	+100
Construction	26,800	27,700	23,900	-900	+2,900
Transportation & Utilities	50,700	50,700	49,900	0	+800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	162,800	160,700	161,200	+2,100	+1,600
Wholesale Trade	(52,800)	(53,000)	(51,400)	(-200)	(+1,400)
Retail Trade	(110,000)	(107,700)	(109,800)	(+2,300)	(+200)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,100	48,800	47,400	+300	+1,700
Services	138,200	139,200	136,300	-1,000	+1,900
Government	89,700	89,400	89,100	+300	+600
Federal Government	(23,600)	(23,600)	(22,900)	(0)	(+700)
State & Local Government	(66,100)	(65,800)	(66,200)	(+300)	(-100)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	300	0	-200

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TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data November, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$451.08	$445.46	$413.31	42.0	41.4	40.6	$10.74	$10.76	$10.18
DURABLE GOODS	490.88	478.50	441.72	42.5	41.5	40.9	11.55	11.53	10.80
Lumber & Furniture	324.00	324.41	328.04	40.5	40.3	40.3	8.00	8.07	8.14
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	496.18	538.68	465.31	44.5	40.2	39.3	11.15	13.40	11.84
Primary Metal Industries	410.15	405.60	395.85	39.4	39.0	39.0	10.41	10.40	10.15
Fabricated Metal Products	372.19	379.04	359.19	40.9	41.2	39.0	9.10	9.20	9.21
Machinery Exc. Electrical	410.65	383.72	431.39	39.6	37.4	41.4	10.37	10.26	10.42
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	487.46	456.96	455.80	43.1	42.0	43.0	11.31	10.88	10.60
Transportation Equipment	675.30	662.61	543.05	44.9	44.5	40.8	15.04	14.89	13.31
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	679.95	666.17	548.88	45.0	44.5	40.9	15.11	14.97	13.42
Other Durable Goods	252.41	243.27	232.56	37.9	37.6	38.0	6.66	6.47	6.12
NONDURABLE GOODS	382.34	386.46	365.82	41.2	41.2	40.2	9.28	9.38	9.10
Food & Kindred Products	424.22	414.69	417.78	43.2	42.1	42.5	9.82	9.85	9.83
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	189.84	182.79	186.10	33.9	32.7	34.4	5.60	5.59	5.41
Paper & Allied Products	369.64	370.94	343.04	41.3	42.2	40.5	8.95	8.79	8.47
Printing & Publishing	385.45	412.93	384.31	38.7	38.7	37.9	9.96	10.67	10.14
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	480.85	491.13	449.34	44.4	45.9	41.3	10.83	10.70	10.88
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	368.74	362.46	292.07	40.7	39.7	36.6	9.06	9.13	7.98
Other Nondurable Goods	307.02	297.73	293.78	43.0	42.5	42.7	7.14	6.77	6.88

*This series excludes industry 2771.

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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

NOVEMBER, 1984

RUSSELL SIGNORINO, ANALYST

AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate declined from 7.1% in October to 6.6% in November. This unexpected substantial decrease was caused by employment movements in construction, trade and services. In the construction industry, employment usually declines by 2000 to 3000 workers in November from October. This year the decline was only 1100 workers. The service sector also usually drops by about 2000 but this November the decrease was only 300. Trade, in preparation for an expected strong holiday shopping season, added about 2000 more workers to their payrolls than they normally do over the month. These three major industries combined to bring unemployment down by 6800 and caused employment to rise by 900 workers. Total employment stood at 1,073,700, a record high November level. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment stood at 1,030,300 in November. Nonagricultural employment usually declines about 0.2% from October to November, but this year it increased 0.3%. The November level was 3200 above October. Over the year, unemployment declined by 27,500 and employment increased 31,600. The unemployment rate in November, 1983 was 9.0%. There were 500 labor disputants in November, 200 in October, and 300 in November, 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment declined by 700 over the month. Primary metals dropped by 300 as 200 workers were affected by a labor dispute in November. The food and kindred industry (-300) and textiles (-200) continued to experience job losses this month. Over the year, manufacturing increased by 4600. Durable goods added 5900 workers while nondurables continued below 1983 levels. Most of the 1300 decrease in nondurables occurred in food (-600) and leather (-500).

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 3900 over the month. Trade experienced strong temporary job increases in

preparation for the holiday shopping season, adding 4600 workers. Construction (-1100) and services (-300) declined less than normal this year. The construction industry has remained strong throughout 1984 and the services sector registered only minor job losses this November in hotels, amusement and recreation. Over the year, nonmanufacturing increased by 23000. Railroads, which remained unchanged, is the only sector that did not experience higher employment levels over 1983.

UNEMPLOYMENT & MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were up 800 in November from October, 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were up 600 and in the Illinois portion they were up 200.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
INA	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	18	14	23	24
Mining	90	107	105	72
Construction	742	734	901	987
Manufacturing Total	3314	2912	3237	3363
Food	261	255	349	398
Textile	23	27	26	30
Apparel	213	213	208	145
Lumber	22	25	29	36
Furniture	91	83	82	89
Paper	121	97	99	115
Printing	147	126	135	151
Chemicals	145	169	199	168
Petroleum	27	37	17	14
Rubber	117	108	115	127
Leather	265	261	312	438
Stone	34	32	74	44
Primary Metal	234	221	186	184
Fabricated Metal	410	342	369	407
Machinery	74	99	80	67
Electrical Machinery	179	206	239	219
Transportation Equip.	582	226	281	300
Instruments	29	18	33	16
Miscellaneous	339	365	399	410
Public Utilities	785	439	561	646
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2178	1834	2009	1817
Finance	289	284	300	244
Services	6087	5031	5541	5147
All Other	271	217	310	311
TOTAL	13774	11572	12988	12611

Of the 12,611 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in November, 1984, 56.6 percent were male and 43.4 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1724	1661	1730	1534
Clerical	2102	2075	2213	1966
Sales	575	556	636	533
Farm, Fish & Forest	74	61	76	99
Processing	223	246	260	245
Machine Trades	857	816	973	1048
Bench Work	683	702	749	704
Structural Work	843	793	1016	1037
Misc. Work	1638	1332	1628	1596
Domestic	67	40	66	68
Other Services	2417	2004	2181	2271
INA	2571	1286	1460	1510
TOTAL	13774	11572	12988	12611

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.9	15.1	21.5	42.1	2.2
Placements, %	42.7	13.6	39.9	38.6	2.0

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.9	1.5
Clerical	18.4	14.0
Sales	16.5	21.5
Processing	1.2	1.5
Machine Trades	4.8	4.7
Bench Work	3.3	3.5
Structural Work	5.2	4.8
Motor Freight & Transportation	3.6	3.1
Packaging & Material Handling	10.3	14.8
Domestic	1.1	1.0
Other Services	28.6	28.5
Other Occupations	1.1	1.1

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for December is expected to be 6.6% and in January, 1985 7.6%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area Month and Year of Current Data November, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,030,300	1,027,100	1,002,700	+3,200	+27,600
Percent Change				+(0.3)	+(2.8)
Manufacturing	221,900	222,600	217,300	-700	+4,600
Durable Goods	140,100	140,000	134,200	+100	+5,900
Lumber & Furniture	4,500	4,400	4,700	+100	-200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,300	3,300	+100	+100
Primary Metal Industries	14,500	14,800	14,400	-300	+100
Fabricated Metal Products	17,400	17,500	16,900	-100	+500
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,600	18,500	18,000	+100	+600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,000	13,900	13,500	+100	+500
Transportation Equipment	55,500	55,400	51,100	+100	+4,400
Motor Vehicles	19,100	19,100	15,400	0	+3,700
Aircraft & Parts	35,300	35,200	34,400	+100	+900
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,200	12,200	12,300	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	81,800	82,600	83,100	-800	-1,300
Food & Kindred Products	20,600	20,900	21,200	-300	-600
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,600	6,800	7,000	-200	-400
Paper & Paper Products	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	15,600	15,500	15,100	+100	+600
Chemical & Allied Products	20,500	20,600	20,400	-100	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	5,300	5,400	5,800	-100	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,100	5,200	-100	-200
Nonmanufacturing	808,400	804,500	785,400	+3,900	+23,000
Mining	3,800	3,700	3,500	+100	+300
Construction	52,700	53,800	46,400	-1,100	+6,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,600	72,600	71,200	0	+1,400
Railroads	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Transportation, Except Railroads	37,200	37,100	36,000	+100	+1,200
Communications & Public Utilities	27,800	27,900	27,600	-100	+200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	243,900	239,300	233,500	+4,600	+10,400
Wholesale Trade	63,500	62,600	61,400	+900	+2,100
Retail Trade	180,400	176,700	172,100	+3,700	+8,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	59,600	59,700	59,000	-100	+600
Service, Except Domestic	235,100	235,400	233,300	-300	+1,800
Total Government	140,700	140,000	138,500	+700	+2,200
Total Federal Government	38,000	37,900	37,500	+100	+500
Total State & Local Government	102,700	102,100	101,000	+600	+1,700
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	500	200	300	+300	+200

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: November, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$439.50	$441.45	$412.27	40.1	40.5	40.3	10.96	10.90	10.23
DURABLE GOODS	457.97	459.20	423.31	40.6	41.0	40.2	11.28	11.20	10.53
Lumber & Furniture	363.58	351.51	339.02	43.7	42.3	41.7	8.32	8.31	8.13
Stone, Clay & Glass	422.53	391.55	405.82	39.6	38.5	40.3	10.67	10.17	10.07
Primary Metal Industries	426.38	427.61	438.20	35.8	36.3	39.3	11.91	11.78	11.15
Fabricated Metal Products	404.14	406.76	405.32	38.6	39.3	40.9	10.47	10.35	9.91
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	447.45	452.65	420.80	40.9	41.3	40.0	10.94	10.96	10.52
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	327.32	322.09	286.44	39.2	38.9	39.4	8.35	8.28	7.27
Transportation Equipment	582.96	590.91	516.43	43.7	44.8	40.6	13.34	13.19	12.72
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	299.93	290.70	304.97	38.7	38.0	39.3	7.75	7.65	7.76
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.72	411.05	392.52	39.3	39.6	40.3	10.40	10.38	9.74
Food & Kindred Products	502.63	507.98	457.29	40.6	40.9	43.1	12.38	12.42	10.61
Textiles & Apparel	218.77	202.88	207.79	36.1	34.8	36.2	6.06	5.83	5.74
Paper & Paper Products	437.93	432.23	403.10	42.6	42.5	40.8	10.28	10.17	9.88
Printing & Publishing	392.99	411.34	397.85	36.9	38.3	36.5	10.65	10.74	10.90
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	462.84	464.51	460.93	40.6	41.4	42.6	11.40	11.22	10.82
Petroleum & Coal Products	589.11	595.16	617.04	42.2	42.3	43.7	13.96	14.07	14.12
Leather & Leather Products	192.39	188.84	199.43	35.3	35.1	38.5	5.45	5.38	5.18
Other Nondurable Goods	312.42	311.60	310.72	39.9	40.0	41.1	7.83	7.79	7.56

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
(GREEN AND CHRISTIAN COUNTIES)
NOVEMBER, 1984

LLOYD BANWART, ANALYST

AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The rate of unemployment in the Springfield SMSA for November, estimated at 4.6 percent of the labor force, remains unchanged from the October revised figure. The November percentage represents 5,200 persons unemployed from a total labor force of 113,600.

During November 1983, there were 7,400 unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 6.5 percent of the labor force.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment decreased 300 from October to 93,800 in November. This is the net result of a 400 reduction in manufacturing jobs and a gain of 100 jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector.

Several sizeable lay-offs accounted for slightly over 300 manufacturing workers idled and numerous small reductions accumulated an additional 100 job losses. This leaves an estimated 19,400 persons engaged in manufacturing work during November.

Nonmanufacturing employment was up 100 from October to reach 74,400 in November. Nonmanufacturing industries posting job increases during the month include trade (+200) and state and local government (+200). Job losses during the 30 day period occurred in construction (-100), transportation and utilities (-100) and services (-100).

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers fell four cents from October to $8.27 in November. Factors contributing to this drop include less overtime worked and lower earnings because of piece work or lower incentive pay. Average weekly hours worked rose six-tenths of an hour from October to reach 38.5 hours in November.

During November 1983, average hourly wages amounted to $8.14 and the average factory work week come to 38.1 hours.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: November, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	93,800	94,100	92,400	-300	+1,400
Manufacturing	19,400	19,800	19,100	-400	+300
Durable Goods	10,500	10,600	10,000	-100	+500
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	900	800	+100	+200
Other Durable Goods	9,500	9,700	9,200	-200	+300
Nondurable Goods	8,900	9,200	9,100	-300	-200
Food Processing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,400	3,700	3,600	-300	-200
Nonmanufacturing	74,400	74,300	73,300	+100	+1,100
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,600	3,700	3,300	-100	+400
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	6,000	6,000	-100	-100
Trade	26,500	26,300	26,000	-200	+500
Finane, Insurance & Real Estate	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+100
Services	22,200	22,300	22,300	-100	-100
Government	12,200	12,000	11,800	+200	+400
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	10,600	10,400	10,200	+200	+400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled employment is expected to remain near the current level during December. Small reductions in manufacturing and construction jobs should be off-set by hiring activity in retail trade establishments in response to the Christmas season.

The number of unemployed persons is expected to record a slight rise during December. The rate of unemployment will inch upward about two-tenths of a percentage point during the 30 day period. A more substantial seasonal jump in the rate of unemployment can be expected in January.

TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data November, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$318.40	$314.95	$310.13	38.5	37.9	38.1	$8.27	$8.31	$8.14
Durable Goods	307.64	310.73	291.19	38.6	38.6	37.0	7.97	8.05	7.87
Nondurable Goods	336.27	322.51	334.57	38.3	36.9	39.5	8.78	8.74	8.47
Food & Kindred Products	368.93	370.12	368.81	39.5	39.5	41.3	9.34	9.37	9.93
Other Nondurable Goods	318.10	297.14	314.88	37.6	35.4	38.4	8.46	8.37	8.20

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MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS · DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

BILL NIBLACK, LABOR ECONOMIST **RANDALL CLARK, ANALYST** **DATA MONTH: DECEMBER, 1984**

Missouri unemployment reversed a year-long downward trend in December, as the rate climbed by seven-tenths of a point from November to 6.7 percent. Although the normal winter increase in unemployment probably accounts for some of this increase, temporary layoffs in the garment and other industries apparently contributed to the greater-than-expected jump. About 156,300 Missourians were estimated to have been unemployed in December, an increase of 15,900 from November.

Total employment fell by about 11,200 to 2,181,700, about in line with the usual seasonal movement. In the nonfarm payroll sector, employment was virtually unchanged from December, as a strong gain in retail trade offset seasonal declines in construction, services, and state and local government. Total nonfarm payroll employment in December is estimated as 1,978,400, only 600 greater than the November estimate. Manufacturing employment was also little changed from November.

Preliminary annual average employment and unemployment data for 1984 show an increase in total employment of some 77,000 from the 1983 average. Since the labor force grew by only 20,000 in the period, unemployment dropped by about 57,000

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
5-YEAR HISTORICAL SERIES

TABLE 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - DEC 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - NOV 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - DEC 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2338063	2181732	156331	6.7	2333307	2192895	140412	6.0	2318555	2123452	195103	8.4
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1153942	1073042	80900	7.0	1149766	1073484	76282	6.6	1141209	1038846	102363	9.0
KANSAS CITY SMSA	690470	655400	35070	5.1	688219	655240	32979	4.8	681053	637887	43166	6.3
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	114080	108362	5718	5.0	113713	108440	5273	4.6	114241	106916	7325	6.4
COLUMBIA SMSA	59861	57754	2107	3.5	60314	58425	1889	3.1	56464	53961	2503	4.4
JOPLIN SMSA	58550	54867	3683	6.3	58113	54836	3277	5.6	57299	52721	4578	8.0
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	45047	41256	3791	8.4	44640	41337	3303	7.4	45053	40916	4137	9.2
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	15782	14807	975	6.2	15825	14972	853	5.4	16170	15197	973	6.0
ATCHISON	3974	3721	253	6.4	4046	3822	224	5.5	5133	4925	208	4.1
AUDRAIN	10959	10093	866	7.9	10980	10286	694	6.3	10580	9663	917	8.7
BARRY	11252	10587	665	5.9	11056	10321	735	6.6	11227	10321	906	8.1
BARTON	4851	4628	223	4.6	4945	4703	242	4.9	4804	4577	227	4.7
BATES	7308	6900	408	5.6	7245	6871	374	5.2	7444	6778	666	8.9
BENTON	5406	4934	472	8.7	5397	5053	344	6.4	5100	4581	519	10.2
BOLLINGER	2951	2559	392	13.3	3065	2652	413	13.5	3212	2522	690	21.5
BUTLER	16698	15120	1578	9.5	16633	15232	1401	8.4	15603	13653	1950	12.5
CALDWELL	3465	3263	202	5.8	3503	3335	168	4.8	3601	3279	322	8.9
CALLAWAY	17957	16725	1232	6.9	17912	16791	1121	6.3	20034	18597	1437	7.2
CAMDEN	12004	10849	1155	9.6	12489	11575	914	7.3	11219	9946	1273	11.3
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31155	29606	1549	5.0	31115	29809	1306	4.2	30808	28826	1982	6.4
CARROLL	4426	4157	269	6.1	4472	4219	253	5.7	4437	4044	393	8.9
CARTER	2608	2224	384	14.7	2645	2281	364	13.8	2672	2229	443	16.6
CEDAR	4263	3927	336	7.9	4286	4012	274	6.4	4203	3849	354	8.4
CHARITON	4767	4424	343	7.2	4801	4490	311	6.5	4571	4158	413	9.0
CLARK	3198	2851	347	10.9	3226	2912	314	9.7	3202	2871	331	10.3
CLINTON	7052	6558	494	7.0	7091	6668	423	6.0	7066	6551	515	7.3
COLE/OSAGE LMA	36899	34748	2151	5.8	36619	34642	1977	5.4	33872	31367	2505	7.4
COOPER	6812	6062	750	11.0	6660	6299	361	5.4	6994	6439	555	7.9
CRAWFORD	7044	6346	698	9.9	7047	6424	623	8.8	7058	6321	737	10.4
DADE	3661	3495	166	4.5	3739	3598	141	3.8	3654	3440	214	5.9
DALLAS	4642	4124	518	11.2	4525	4203	322	7.1	4424	3966	458	10.4
DAVIESS	2886	2692	194	6.7	2954	2764	190	6.4	2810	2458	352	12.5
DEKALB	3441	3185	256	7.4	3412	3237	175	5.1	3077	2880	197	6.4
DENT	6004	5385	619	10.3	5967	5396	571	9.6	5937	4936	1001	16.9
DOUGLAS	4377	3733	644	14.7	4360	3754	606	13.9	4287	3844	443	10.3
DUNKLIN	12658	11120	1538	12.2	12552	11286	1266	10.1	12837	11080	1757	13.7
GASCONADE	6870	6462	408	5.9	6981	6583	398	5.7	6755	6305	450	6.7
GENTRY	3833	3678	155	4.0	3917	3772	145	3.7	3905	3624	281	7.2
GRUNDY	5081	4729	352	6.9	5050	4765	285	5.6	5125	4658	467	9.1
HARRISON	4744	4534	210	4.4	4863	4644	219	4.5	4719	4365	354	7.5
HENRY	9518	8825	693	7.3	9465	8975	490	5.2	9102	8239	863	9.5
HICKORY	2413	2212	201	8.3	2468	2297	171	6.9	2158	1933	225	10.4
HOLT	3188	3019	169	5.3	3304	3186	118	3.6	3117	2933	184	5.9
HOWARD	4465	4091	374	8.4	4444	4217	227	5.1	4547	4179	368	8.1
HOWELL	13170	12044	1126	8.5	13156	12061	1095	8.3	13132	11945	1187	9.0
IRON	4333	3550	783	18.1	4307	3575	732	17.0	4502	3960	542	12.0
JOHNSON	16322	15722	600	3.7	16600	16034	566	3.4	15604	14735	869	5.6
KNOX	2252	2096	156	6.9	2263	2127	136	6.0	2402	2156	246	10.2
LACLEDE	11317	9520	1797	15.9	11034	10062	972	8.8	11102	10177	925	8.3
LAFAYETTE	14048	13355	693	4.9	14053	13405	648	4.6	13772	12825	947	6.9
LAWRENCE	12049	11174	875	7.3	12160	11247	913	7.5	11560	10497	1063	9.2

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MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - DEC 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - NOV 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - DEC 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LEWIS	5458	5065	393	7.2	5309	4938	371	7.0	5236	4613	623	11.9
LINCOLN	10264	9470	794	7.7	10213	9504	709	6.9	9987	9012	975	9.8
LINN	7374	6728	646	8.8	7399	6733	666	9.0	7781	6854	927	11.9
LIVINGSTON	6547	6078	469	7.2	6547	6105	442	6.8	6811	6154	657	9.6
MACON	6836	6419	417	6.1	6928	6512	416	6.0	6569	6027	542	8.3
MADISON	3772	3395	377	10.0	3750	3424	326	8.7	4010	3560	450	11.2
MARIES	2480	2256	224	9.0	2456	2249	207	8.4	2492	2245	247	9.9
MARION/RALLS LMA	17697	16422	1275	7.2	17745	16627	1118	6.3	18021	16218	1803	10.0
MCDONALD	5366	4973	393	7.3	5407	5070	337	6.2	5447	4866	581	10.7
MERCER	1645	1542	103	6.3	1674	1597	77	4.6	1797	1654	143	8.0
MILLER	9742	8597	1145	11.8	10044	8934	1110	11.1	9907	8517	1390	14.0
MISSISSIPPI	6229	5525	704	11.3	6452	5820	632	9.8	6272	5427	845	13.5
MONITEAU	4635	3981	654	14.1	4705	4282	423	9.0	4693	3997	696	14.8
MONROE	4376	4107	269	6.1	4376	4183	193	4.4	4332	4025	307	7.1
MONTGOMERY	5074	4644	430	8.5	5028	4664	364	7.2	5228	4740	488	9.3
MORGAN	5432	4773	659	12.1	5488	4765	723	13.2	5278	4601	677	12.8
NEW MADRID	10940	9945	995	9.1	10893	10124	769	7.1	10757	9674	1083	10.1
NODAWAY	10403	9986	417	4.0	10530	10166	364	3.5	10260	9659	601	5.9
OREGON	3089	2664	425	13.8	3103	2725	378	12.2	2989	2591	398	13.3
OZARK	3902	3526	376	9.6	4036	3692	344	8.5	3618	3274	344	9.5
PEMISCOT	7984	7174	810	10.1	7933	7272	661	8.3	7990	6888	1102	13.8
PERRY	6862	6383	479	7.0	6954	6505	449	6.5	6716	6182	534	8.0
PETTIS	16041	14866	1175	7.3	16219	15156	1063	6.6	15642	14222	1420	9.1
PHELPS	15588	14625	963	6.2	15702	14759	943	6.0	15414	14238	1176	7.6
PIKE	6714	6038	676	10.1	6729	6146	583	8.7	6900	6089	811	11.8
POLK	8922	8303	619	6.9	8784	8355	429	4.9	8446	7836	610	7.2
PULASKI	8841	7840	1001	11.3	8792	8157	635	7.2	8811	7869	942	10.7
PUTNAM	2805	2611	194	6.9	2863	2705	158	5.5	2950	2699	251	8.5
RANDOLPH	11336	10579	757	6.7	11256	10608	648	5.8	11267	10342	925	8.2
REYNOLDS	2203	1863	340	15.4	2192	1903	289	13.2	2475	1976	499	20.2
RIPLEY	3218	2886	332	10.3	3215	2910	305	9.5	3349	2878	471	14.1
SALINE	13466	12782	684	5.1	13413	12822	591	4.4	13477	12576	901	6.7
SCOTLAND	2268	2132	136	6.0	2298	2165	133	5.8	2341	2162	179	7.6
SCOTT	16766	15265	1501	9.0	16778	15438	1340	8.0	17408	15553	1855	10.7
SHANNON	3004	2514	490	16.3	3059	2561	498	16.3	3169	2462	707	22.3
SHELBY	3062	2887	175	5.7	3080	2967	113	3.7	3073	2853	220	7.2
ST. CLAIR	3623	3372	251	6.9	3647	3449	198	5.4	3676	3365	311	8.5
ST. FRANCOIS	19526	17514	2012	10.3	19297	17631	1666	8.6	19232	17191	2041	10.6
STE. GENEVIEVE	5555	5119	436	7.8	5572	5162	410	7.4	5752	5231	521	9.1
STODDARD	12426	11282	1144	9.2	12173	11277	896	7.4	12098	10524	1574	13.0
STONE	6883	5654	1229	17.9	7023	6017	1006	14.3	6548	5286	1262	19.3
SULLIVAN	3214	3015	199	6.2	3310	3117	193	5.8	3291	3040	251	7.6
TANEY	13403	11517	1886	14.1	13871	12397	1474	10.6	11615	9758	1857	16.0
TEXAS	8012	6535	1477	18.4	7843	6839	1004	12.8	7845	6818	1027	13.1
VERNON	9208	8717	491	5.3	9276	8815	461	5.0	9240	8635	605	6.5
WARREN	6520	6056	464	7.1	6441	6023	418	6.5	6019	5427	592	9.8
WASHINGTON	4460	3632	828	18.6	4465	3624	841	18.8	4386	3537	849	19.4
WAYNE	4254	3616	638	15.0	4265	3694	571	13.4	4054	3412	642	15.8
WEBSTER	7592	6452	1140	15.0	7612	6984	628	8.3	7431	6655	776	10.4
WORTH	1035	953	82	7.9	1090	1001	89	8.2	1059	957	102	9.6
WRIGHT	7078	6353	725	10.2	7047	6461	586	8.3	7141	6544	597	8.4

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
DECEMBER, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1978.4	1977.8	1940.9									
Total Manufacturing	419.0	418.8	412.1	390.86	382.15	373.42	40.8	40.1	40.9	9.58	9.53	9.13
Durable Goods	238.8	238.2	232.0	435.54	421.48	417.78	42.0	41.0	42.2	10.37	10.28	9.90
Lumber & Wood Products	9.5	9.5	9.0	244.45	238.08	224.64	39.3	38.4	38.4	6.22	6.20	5.85
Furniture & Fixtures	9.5	9.3	9.0	330.92	325.69	304.61	44.3	43.6	41.5	7.47	7.47	7.34
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.6	10.7	10.8	416.15	410.94	408.24	41.0	39.4	41.7	10.15	10.43	9.79
Cement, Hydraulic	1.1	1.1	1.2	522.84	484.22	542.57	38.7	35.5	40.4	13.51	13.64	13.43
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.2	2.2	441.58	435.46	443.20	38.6	37.8	40.0	11.44	11.52	11.08
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.3	7.4	7.4	393.44	393.33	377.36	41.9	40.3	42.4	9.39	9.76	8.90
Primary Metal Industries	13.3	13.0	12.9	426.93	417.09	456.91	39.9	39.2	41.2	10.70	10.64	11.09
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.0	2.0	1.7	352.23	341.33	361.89	39.8	38.7	40.3	8.85	8.82	8.98
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.8	2.5	2.5	350.40	351.04	343.09	43.8	44.1	42.2	8.00	7.96	8.13
Other Primary Metals	8.5	8.5	8.7	478.08	462.89	512.91	38.4	37.3	41.0	12.45	12.41	12.51
Fabricated Metal Products	28.5	28.5	28.3	388.93	376.27	397.52	41.2	40.2	42.2	9.44	9.36	9.42
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	10.0	9.9	9.9	369.96	351.84	391.07	40.7	39.4	42.6	9.09	8.93	9.18
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.5	18.6	18.4									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.4	30.4	31.0	422.30	397.79	402.38	41.0	40.1	40.4	10.30	9.92	9.96
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	49.1	49.2	46.2	388.68	376.94	358.57	41.0	40.1	40.7	9.48	9.40	8.81
Transportation Equipment	69.2	69.0	66.1	602.99	583.87	571.13	45.1	43.9	45.8	13.37	13.30	12.47
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.5	30.3	28.1	363.11	615.90	603.92	47.4	46.1	48.9	13.42	13.36	12.35
Other Transportation Equip.	38.7	38.7	38.0	544.07	526.28	517.30	41.0	39.9	40.7	13.27	13.19	12.71
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.8	11.9	323.21	324.80	330.33	40.3	40.0	42.9	8.02	8.12	7.70
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.8	6.8	6.8	282.08	263.59	264.99	41.3	39.4	41.6	6.83	6.69	6.37
Nondurable Goods	180.2	180.6	180.1	335.23	332.67	319.51	39.3	39.0	39.3	8.53	8.53	8.13
Food & Kindred Products	45.1	45.0	45.0	385.29	394.42	367.72	40.6	41.0	40.1	9.49	9.62	9.17
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	12.2	12.1	11.7	269.89	280.68	268.60	39.4	39.7	39.5	6.85	7.07	6.80
Dairy Products	6.4	6.3	6.3	383.45	383.53	362.39	42.7	42.1	40.4	8.98	9.11	8.97
Grain Mill Products	7.0	6.9	7.4	443.98	472.61	463.68	43.4	45.4	46.0	10.23	10.41	10.08
Bakery Products	5.5	5.6	5.7	369.60	393.95	361.74	36.2	38.1	36.8	10.21	10.34	9.83
Beverages	10.2	10.2	9.9	556.20	552.24	432.03	39.7	39.0	33.7	14.01	14.16	12.82

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INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	3.8	3.9	4.0	425.27	417.78	420.55	42.4	42.2	43.4	10.03	9.90	9.69
Textile & Apparel	24.1	24.9	25.8	179.18	190.97	179.40	34.0	35.3	34.7	5.27	5.41	5.17
Paper & Allied Products	13.1	12.8	12.8	397.54	380.97	373.43	43.4	41.5	42.1	9.16	9.18	8.87
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.5	6.4	6.4	393.07	366.83	381.70	43.1	40.4	42.6	9.12	9.08	8.96
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.6	6.4	6.4	402.04	394.90	366.13	43.7	42.6	41.7	9.20	9.27	8.78
Printing & Publishing	38.3	38.2	36.9	383.34	373.98	364.49	38.8	38.2	38.9	9.88	9.79	9.37
Commercial Printing	12.9	12.8	12.1	443.76	438.06	418.80	40.6	40.3	40.7	10.93	10.87	10.29
Other Printing & Publishing	25.4	25.4	24.8	326.48	313.13	313.22	37.1	36.2	37.2	8.80	8.65	8.42
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.2	28.2	27.4	478.94	468.68	447.81	43.5	42.3	43.1	11.01	11.08	10.39
Leather & Leather Products	18.2	18.4	19.2	185.14	184.60	194.71	34.8	34.7	36.6	5.32	5.32	5.32
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.6	14.8	15.0	182.34	182.88	192.36	34.6	34.9	36.5	5.27	5.24	5.27
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	3.7	3.6	4.2	197.06	190.07	203.87	35.7	33.7	37.0	5.52	5.64	5.51
Other Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.1	13.0	318.36	311.19	318.52	42.0	41.0	42.3	7.58	7.59	7.53
Total Nonmanufacturing	1559.4	1559.0	1528.8									
Mining	6.1	6.0	6.5									
Construction	75.9	78.9	74.0									
Transportation & Public Util.	137.0	137.2	132.1									
Railroad Transportation	13.4	13.4	13.2									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	66.5	66.7	65.7									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.1	57.1	53.2									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	474.2	468.7	464.6									
Wholesale Trade	126.9	126.8	125.7									
Retail Trade	347.3	341.9	338.9									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	109.5	109.3	108.9									
Services	412.0	412.8	407.4									
Government	344.7	346.1	335.3									
Federal Government	69.9	69.6	68.5									
State & Local Government	274.8	276.5	266.8									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments. Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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and the unemployment rate fell by 2.5 percentage points to 7.4 percent. The average number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state in 1984 is estimated to have increased by some 35,000 from the 1983 average, with the gains about evenly split between manufacturing and nonmanufacturing. These comparisons are based on preliminary averages which are subject to revision.

The factory workweek jumped sharply in December, climbing by seven-tenths of an hour to 40.8 hours. Increases were noted in most reported durable goods industries, but the nondurable goods sector showed only a small increase. The increase in average weekly hours propelled average weekly earnings upward by $8.71 to $390.86; the weekly average is 4.7 percent higher than the year-earlier figure. Average hourly earnings of $9.58 represent monthly and annual gains of 5 and 45 cents, respectively.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

The economy finished the year on an upbeat note, as the nation's production of goods and services apparently rebounded from the relative slump of the third quarter. Gross national product grew at a 3.9 percent annual rate in the final quarter of 1984, after adjustment for inflation, compared to the weak 1.6 percent growth rate of the third quarter. For the whole year, real GNP grew 6.8 percent, the best showing since 1951. Not only does this seem to have cast the third quarter's performance as a temporary phenomenon rather than a turning point, but it also suggests that the economy is entering 1985 with substantial momentum.

Unemployment was little changed in December, as the seasonally adjusted civilian rate of 7.2 percent was not significantly different from November's 7.1 percent rate. Employment continued to increase in December, with both total civilian employment and nonfarm payroll employment climbing by more than 300,000. Each employment series has grown by more than 7 million in the two years of recovery experienced so far.

OUTLOOK

Seasonal conditions usually dominate employment and unemployment movements in January and February. Heavy snowfalls in part of the state in the January reference week may have led to disruptions of economic activity which could cause further decreases in employment and increases in unemployment. After February, seasonal improvements should be substantial. The economy seems to be entering the year with sufficient mementum to prevent deterioration in labor market conditions, although the expected rate of growth is not likely to result in the kind of rapid labor market improvements observed in early 1984.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – DECEMBER, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,338,000	2,333,300	2,318,600	4,700	19,400
Total Employed	2,181,700	2,192,900	2,123,500	-11,200	58,200
Total Unemployed	156,300	140,400	195,100	15,900	-38,800
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.7	6.0	8.4	0.7	-1.7
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,978,400	1,977,800	1,940,900	600	37,500
Manufacturing	419,000	418,800	412,100	200	6,900
Durable Goods	238,800	238,200	232,000	600	6,800
Nondurable Goods	180,200	180,600	180,100	-400	100
Nonmanufacturing	1,559,400	1,559,000	1,528,800	400	30,600
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	8,813	8,549	11,581	264	-2,768
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	40,864	42,097	50,112	-1,233	-9,248
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.8	1.3	2.9	1.5	-0.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,244	3,403	5,002	-159	-1,758
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,641,958	$13,096,821	$15,920,000	$545,137	-$2,278,042
State U.I.	13,333,015	12,784,657	15,463,736	548,358	-2,130,721
UCFE	142,212	147,689	221,636	-5,477	-79,424
UCX	166,731	164,475	234,628	2,256	-67,897

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the SMSA has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

NOVEMBER, 1984

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Average gains in Retail Trade coupled with continued losses in Services and Construction in the area resulted in three-tenths percentage points increase in the December 1984 unemployment rate to 5.1 per cent. The Area's labor force grew by 2,300 over-the-month, but an inability of the Area's economy to absorb these job seekers led to the Area's total number of unemployed growing by an almost equivalent number. Gains in the trade sector were almost completely balanced by seasonal declines in Construction and Services and non-payroll employment, resulting in virtually no change in the overall number of employed. Although the number and the rate of unemployed were up over-the-month, the number of jobless has declined by 8,100 since December 1983, while the rate has dropped by 1.2 percentage points. The drop from December 1983 to December 1984 represents the smallest over-the-year drop registered in 1984, signalling perhaps a slowdown in the rapid growth pace experienced during the year.

Wage and salaried employment in December 1984 was 634,800, up by 600 from the November 1984 total of 634,200. Overall manufacturing employment showed no change over-the-month. Minor gains in Primary Metals, Motor Vehicles, Paper and Allied, Chemicals and Other Nondurables were offset by equally minor losses in Machinery, Electrical Equipment, Food and Kindred, and Printing and Publishing. Overall growth of 600 jobs in Nonagricultural Employment was the result of growth in the Nonmanufacturing sector. Within the sector, the only significant growth occurred in the trade sector. Retail Trade added another 1,800 jobs to the Area over-the-month to serve holiday shoppers, primarily in department stores, clothing and miscellaneous retail. Wholesale Trade showed modest gains of 400 jobs equally spread between Durable and Nondurable goods. Minor growth was registered in the Federal Government sector as additional tax processors were hired and an increase in Transportation and Communications, primarily in telephone communications, also occurred over-the-month. The largest over-the-month loss was 1,200 jobs in Services, concentrated primarily in recreational services. Construction fell by less than the average as only 400 jobs were lost over-the-month, and a minor drop in State and Local Government was recorded over-the-month.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 16,300 from December 1983 to December 1984. Manufacturing increased by 4,300 jobs, with 2,000 jobs added in Durable Goods and 2,300 jobs added in Nondurable Goods manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing had the major concentration of growth increasing by 12,000 jobs over the 12-month period. Construction employment continued to show improvement over last year's level with 3,800 jobs. Other major growth sectors within nonmanufacturing were Services, which was up by 2,000 jobs, Wholesale Trade up by 1,800, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate which was up by 1,500, Transportation, Communications and Utilities which posted gains of 1,300 jobs. Additional gainers were Retail Trade up by 800 jobs and Federal Government up by 700 jobs. Over the period, job gains within Durable Goods manufacturing occurred primarily in Motor Vehicles which gained 1,500 jobs and Electrical Equipment which gained 1,000 jobs. The only job losers over the period were recorded in Durable Goods. Machinery continued its decline with a loss of 1,100 jobs and Fabricated Metals showed a modest drop. The bulk of jobs added in Nondurable Goods occurred in Printing and Publishing. Additional sectors showing gains were Chemicals, Apparel, Paper and Other Nondurables.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 35,100 in December 1984 for 5.1 per cent of the labor force, compared to 33,000 in November 1984 for 4.8 per cent of the labor force and 43,200 in December 1983 for 6.3 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

The Area unemployment rate is expected to top the six per cent level in January 1985. Losses in Retail Trade may exceed 2,000 jobs as area merchants lay off workers hired during the holiday shopping period. The on set of winter weather in the Area will precipitate large cut backs in Construction. Employment in Services will continue its descent despite the opening of a major hotel in the Area. Government may show a decline despite the hiring of additional federal workers to process tax returns. Unemployment is expected to be 6.0 per cent of the labor force in January 1985, compared to 5.1 per cent in December 1984 and 7.9 per cent in January 1984.

Unemployment is expected to show little improvement in February 1985. Construction and Retail Trade will reach the low points of the year. Overall employment is expected to decline despite small gains in Services and Government. Unemployment is expected to be 5.7 per cent of the labor force in February 1985, compared to 6.8 per cent in February 1984.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 28,453 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of December 1984. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	16.7
	22-44	37.7
	45 and over	15.8
Sex:	Male	62.3
	Female	37.7
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	33.3
	Other Non-White	01.0
	Hispanic	02.0

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	51.6
Veterans	22.4
Handicapped	02.8

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated December 31, 1984.

JOB PLACEMENTS:

During December 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 7,860 and job placements totaled 2,051. There were 1,214 veteran referrals in December 1984, with 240 veteran placements. During November 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 9,153 and job placements totaled 2,440. There were 1,354 veteran referrals in November 1984, with 274 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated December 31, 1984.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) DECEMBER, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	18.4	19.0	18.6
25-34	38.2	36.1	37.4
35-44	22.1	20.6	21.6
45-54	11.3	14.1	12.4
55-64	08.9	08.7	08.9
65 and over	00.8	01.3	01.0
Unreported	00.3	00.2	00.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	00.4
Mining	00.1
Construction	08.4
Manufacturingf	26.1
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	04.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	18.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	03.1
Services	28.7
All Other	10.5
Information not available	00.1

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12.2
Clerical	17.8
Sales	04.0
Services	14.1
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	01.0
Processing	02.7
Machine Trades	07.6
Bench Work	05.1
Structural Work	10.4
Miscellaneous	16.3
Information not available	[illegible]

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 5,660; 3,466 were male and 2,194 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data December, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	634,800	634,200	618,500	+600	+16,300
Total Manufacturing	116,600	116,600	112,300	0	+4,300
Durable Goods	66,600	66,600	64,600	0	+2,000
Lumber & Furniture	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	3,700	3,600	3,300	+100	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	9,400	9,400	9,500	0	-100
Machinery Except Electrical	7,500	7,700	8,600	-200	-1,100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,500	21,600	20,500	-100	+1,000
Transportation Equipment	14,200	14,000	12,700	+200	+1,500
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,000)	(13,900)	(12,500)	(+100)	(+1,500)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	50,000	50,000	47,700	0	+2,300
Food & Kindred Products	9,400	9,500	9,400	-100	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,300	0	+300
Paper & Allied Products	5,100	5,000	5,000	+100	+100
Printing & Publishing	18,700	18,900	17,700	-200	+1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,800	8,700	8,200	+100	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,900	4,800	4,600	+100	+300
Total Nonmanufacturing	518,200	517,600	506,200	+600	+12,000
Mining & Quarrying	600	600	500	0	+100
Construction	26,400	26,800	22,600	-400	+3,800
Transportation & Utilities	50,800	50,700	49,500	+100	+1,300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	164,800	162,600	162,200	+2,200	+2,600
Wholesale Trade	(53,200)	(52,800)	(51,400)	(+400)	(+1,800)
Retail Trade	(111,600)	(109,800)	(110,800)	(+1,800)	(+800)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,100	49,100	47,600	0	+1,500
Services	136,900	138,100	134,900	-1,200	+2,000
Government	89,600	89,700	88,900	-100	+700
Federal Government	(23,800)	(23,700)	(23,100)	(+100)	(+700)
State & Local Government	(65,800)	(66,000)	(65,800)	(-200)	(0)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	200	0	-100

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$441.38	$439.67	$427.87	41.6	41.4	41.5	$10.61	$10.62	$10.31
DURABLE GOODS	465.56	472.16	459.31	41.2	41.6	42.1	11.30	11.35	10.91
Lumber & Furniture	315.51	322.80	345.87	41.9	40.4	42.7	7.53	7.99	8.10
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	471.04	501.76	474.70	42.9	44.8	40.4	10.98	11.20	11.75
Primary Metal Industries	403.37	411.05	412.90	39.2	39.6	40.6	10.29	10.38	10.17
Fabricated Metal Products	372.10	372.69	375.15	40.8	41.0	41.0	9.12	9.09	9.15
Machinery Exc. Electrical	420.40	411.84	442.68	40.0	39.6	42.0	10.51	10.40	10.54
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	476.69	487.46	422.69	42.9	43.1	41.4	11.19	11.31	10.21
Transportation Equipment	594.63	598.83	629.44	40.7	41.1	44.8	14.61	14.57	14.05
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(599.35)	(603.17)	(634.89)	(40.8)	(41.2)	(44.9)	(14.69)	(14.64)	(14.14)
Other Durable Goods	261.64	264.88	254.52	37.7	38.5	39.4	6.94	6.88	6.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	398.37	385.22	371.68	42.2	41.2	40.4	9.44	9.35	9.20
Food & Kindred Products	432.70	429.25	414.48	43.4	42.5	44.0	9.97	10.10	9.42
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	186.70	191.14	160.68	33.7	33.3	30.9	5.54	5.74	5.20
Paper & Allied Products	395.42	367.92	352.40	43.5	41.2	40.0	9.09	8.93	8.81
Printing & Publishing	416.07	388.08	396.29	40.2	39.2	38.7	10.35	9.90	10.24
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	494.07	483.46	450.11	45.2	44.6	41.6	10.93	10.84	10.82
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	438.62	393.16	377.93	45.5	43.3	40.9	9.64	9.08	9.24
Other Nondurable Goods	297.73	307.45	288.54	42.9	43.0	42.0	6.94	7.15	6.87

*This series excludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

NOVEMBER, 1984

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate increased by 6.6% in November to 7.0% in December. The December unemployment rate was expected to increase after the November's unexpected substantial decrease. The area's civilian labor force increased by 4,100, or + 0.4%. Unemployment rose by 4600 over the month to stand at 80,900 in December. Except for November's 6.6%, the area's unemployment rate hovered close to 7.0% since September 1984. Since December 1983, unemployment declined by 21500 and employment increased by 34200. The unemployment rate in December 1983 was 9.0%.

Preliminary 1984 labor annual averages are now available. Annual average employment in the area was 1,064,400, unemployment 95,600, and the unemployment rate was 8.2%. Comparing 1984 averages to 1983, employment rose 37,800 and unemployment declined by 25,500. The 1983 average unemployment rate was 10.6%.

There were 200 labor disputants in December, 500 in November, and 300 in December, 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment rose by 500 over the month. The largest gain occurred in lumber and furniture. Employment in that industry increased by 300. Nonelectrical machinery continued to register improvement as 200 workers were added in December. Stone, clay and glass experienced a seasonal decline of 200 as demand for their products drops as construction activity decreases during the winter. Over the year, manufacturing increased by 4400. Motor vehicles, up 2600, continued to register major improvement throughout 1984 over 1983 levels. Other industries that continued to register gains included aircraft (+900), nonelectrical machinery (+900), and printing (+500).

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 600 over the month. A seasonal employment increase of 3800 occurred in trade as workers were added for the Christmas buying season. Construction employment, which is now being affected by the colder weather, declined by 2300. Employment stood

at 50,900, a record high December construction employment level. Other small seasonal declines occurred in transportation (-400), services (-100), and government (-400). Over the year, nonmanufacturing increased by 23,400. Trade added 10,800 workers, accounting for over 46% of the total nonmanufacturing increase. Construction increased by 6100 and government, beginning to recover somewhat from reduced recession level revenues, added 2300 workers.

UNEMPLOYMENT & MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were up 2200 in December from November, 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were up 1000 and in the Illinois portion they were up 1200.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
INA	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	14	23	24	37
Mining	107	105	72	36
Constructin	734	901	987	1269
Manufacturing Total	2912	3237	3363	3484
Food	255	349	398	562
Textile	27	26	30	21
Apparel	213	208	145	132
Lumber	25	29	36	47
Furniture	83	82	89	82
Paper	97	99	115	87
Printing	126	135	151	162
Chemicals	169	199	168	163
Petroleum	37	17	14	25
Rubber	108	115	127	132
Leather	261	312	438	163
Stone	32	74	44	48
Primary Metal	221	186	184	212
Fabricated Metal	342	369	407	466
Machinery	99	80	67	112
Electrtical Machinery	206	239	219	242
Transportation Equip.	226	281	300	334
Instruments	18	33	16	20
Miscellaneous	365	399	410	470
Public Utilities	439	461	646	692
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	1834	2009	1817	1937
Finance	284	300	244	259
Services	5031	5542	5147	5380
All Other	217	310	311	287
TOTAL	11572	12988	12611	13381

Of the 13,381 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in December, 1984, 59.5 percent were male and 40.5 percent were female.

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1661	1730	1534	1529
Clerical	2075	2213	1966	2051
Sales	556	636	533	589
Farm, Fish & Forest	61	76	99	133
Processing	246	260	245	276
Machine Trades	816	973	1048	1083
Bench Work	702	749	704	774
Structural Work	793	1016	1037	1311
Misc. Work	1332	1628	1596	1816
Domestic	40	66	68	63
Other Services	2004	2181	2271	2217
INA	1286	1460	1510	1529
TOTAL	11572	12988	12611	13381

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.6	15.0	21.7	41.7	2.2
Placements, %	42.7	13.7	39.0	37.7	2.0

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.7	1.5
Clerical	18.6	14.1
Sales	17.4	22.1
Processing	1.1	1.4
Machine Trades	4.8	4.7
Bench Work	3.4	3.7
Structural Work	5.1	4.8
Motor Freight & Transportation	4.1	4.1
Packaging & Material Handling	10.0	14.3
Domestic	1.1	1.0
Other Services	27.4	27.1
Other Occupations	1.3	1.2

EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for January, 1985 is expected to be 8.0% and in February 8.0%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,030,700	1,029,600	1,002,900	+1,100	+27,800
Percent Change				+(0.1)	+(2.8)
Manufacturing	222,300	221,800	217,900	+500	+4,400
Durable Goods	140,300	140,000	135,200	+300	+5,100
Lumber & Furniture	4,800	4,500	4,700	+300	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,200	3,400	3,100	-200	+100
Primary Metal Industries	14,400	14,500	14,200	-100	+200
Fabricated Metal Products	17,300	17,300	17,000	0	+300
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,800	18,600	17,900	+200	+900
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,000	14,000	13,600	0	+400
Transportation Equipment	55,600	55,500	52,400	+100	+3,200
Motor Vehicles	19,200	19,100	16,600	+100	+2,600
Aircraft & Parts	35,300	35,300	34,400	0	+900
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,200	12,200	12,300	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	82,000	81,800	82,700	+200	-700
Food & Kindred Products	20,500	20,500	21,300	0	-800
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Beverages	8,500	8,400	8,700	+100	-200
Textiles & Apparel	6,700	6,600	6,800	+100	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,600	5,700	+100	0
Printing & Publishing	15,600	15,500	15,100	+100	+500
Chemical & Allied Products	20,500	20,500	20,300	0	+200
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	5,300	5,400	5,600	-100	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,100	5,300	0	-200
Nonmanufacturing	808,400	807,800	785,000	+600	+23,400
Mining	3,700	3,800	3,500	-100	+200
Construction	50,900	53,200	44,800	-2,300	+6,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,200	72,600	70,800	-400	+1,400
Railroads	7,500	7,600	7,600	-100	-100
Transportation, Except Railroads	36,800	37,100	35,500	-300	+1,300
Communications & Public Utilities	27,900	27,900	27,700	0	+200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	247,300	243,500	236,500	+3,800	+10,800
Wholesale Trade	63,600	63,400	62,400	+200	+1,200
Retail Trade	183,700	180,100	174,100	+3,600	+9,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	59,900	59,800	59,000	+100	+900
Service, Except Domestic	234,200	234,300	232,500	-100	+1,700
Total Government	140,200	140,600	137,900	-400	+2,300
Total Federal Government	38,100	37,900	37,300	+200	+800
Total State & Local Government	102,100	102,700	100,600	-600	+1,500
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	200	500	300	-300	-100

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$456.35	$443.48	$446.02	41.6	40.5	42.6	10.97	10.95	10.47
DURABLE GOODS	483.94	468.12	473.92	42.6	41.5	43.8	11.36	11.28	10.82
Lumber & Furniture	374.64	364.42	343.20	44.6	43.8	42.9	8.40	8.32	8.00
Stone, Clay & Glass	395.18	422.14	360.64	37.6	39.6	36.8	10.51	10.66	9.80
Primary Metal Industries	469.50	446.99	509.55	40.3	38.6	43.0	11.65	11.58	11.85
Fabricated Metal Products	422.30	409.64	431.38	41.2	40.2	42.5	10.25	10.19	10.15
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	459.38	446.07	433.61	41.8	40.7	40.6	10.99	10.96	10.68
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	331.57	324.92	295.54	39.9	39.1	40.1	8.31	8.31	7.37
Transportation Equipment	630.19	602.55	609.60	46.1	44.6	48.0	13.67	13.51	12.70
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	297.14	299.93	327.99	39.2	38.7	43.1	7.58	7.75	7.61
NONDURABLE GOODS	410.00	401.84	401.30	40.0	38.9	40.7	10.25	10.33	9.86
Food & Kindred Products	482.79	484.00	462.83	39.9	40.0	42.5	12.10	12.10	10.89
Textiles & Apparel	220.83	215.52	211.03	36.5	35.8	36.7	6.05	6.02	5.75
Paper & Paper Products	448.94	435.87	441.94	44.1	42.4	43.8	10.18	10.28	10.09
Printing & Publishing	404.16	392.62	405.42	38.2	36.9	37.4	10.58	10.64	10.84
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	474.75	451.44	455.76	42.2	39.6	42.2	11.25	11.40	10.80
Petroleum & Coal Products	597.84	604.20	628.65	42.4	42.4	43.9	14.10	14.25	14.32
Leather & Leather Products	190.99	191.30	191.10	35.9	35.1	36.4	5.32	5.45	5.25
Other Nondurable Goods	312.62	311.25	325.80	40.6	39.7	42.7	7.70	7.84	7.63

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

The Springfield area labor force, estimated at 114,100 for December, was up 400 from November. Total employment stands at the November level which was estimated at 108,400. The December jobless total came to approximately 5,700 or 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force. This represents a jump of 400 in the number of unemployed and a four-tenths of a percentage point rise in the unemployment rate from November. Despite the seasonal increase in the percentage unemployed, the current rate is the lowest for any December since December, 1979, when 4.4 percent of the labor force was unemployed.

In retrospect, 1984 was year of economic recovery and improved labor force conditions. Annual average employment rose about 4,000 from 1983 and the average number of unemployed persons was reduced by 2,400. The annual average rate of unemployment fell from 7.8 percent in 1983 to 5.6 percent in 1984.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

The total number of nonfarm payrolled jobs, estimated at 93,600 for December, show no change from November a decrease of 100 jobs in manufacturing was off-set by a corresponding increase in the nonmanufacturing sector. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels from November include: construction, down 100; transportation and utilities, up 100; trade, up 300; services, down 100; and government, down 100. The 300 jump in trade is seasonal in nature and was fostered by increased sales activity associated with the Christmas Season.

During 1984, nonmanufacturing jobs increased 1,200 to reach 74,400 which is an all time high for the Springfield area.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose seven cents from November to

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	93,600	93,600	92,500	0	+1,100
Manufacturing	19,200	19,300	19,300	-100	-100
Durable Goods	10,500	10,400	10,200	+100	+300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	900	0	0
Other Durable Goods	9,600	9,500	9,300	+100	+300
Nondurable Goods	8,700	8,900	9,100	-200	-400
Food Processing	3,800	3,900	4,000	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,300	3,400	3,600	-100	-300
Nonmanufacturing	74,400	47,300	73,200	+100	+1,200
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,500	3,600	3,000	-100	+500
Transportation & Utilities	6,000	5,900	6,000	+100	0
Trade	26,800	26,500	26,300	+300	+500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+100
Services	22,100	22,200	22,200	-100	-100
Government	12,000	12,100	11,800	-100	+200
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State and Local	10,400	10,500	10,200	-100	+200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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reach $8.35 in December. This increase in conjunction with a seven-tenths of an hour jump in the average factory work week boosted average weekly earnings from $320.44 in November to $328.99 in December.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled employment is expected to show a moderate seasonal drop in January. Job reductions will probably occur in retail trade, construction and manufacturing. The rate of unemployment is expected to move upward a full percentage point or more to somewhat above the six percent level.

TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data December, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$328.99	$320.44	$325.21	39.4	38.7	40.1	$8.35	$8.28	$8.11
Durable Goods	326.03	309.64	314.34	40.3	38.9	40.3	8.09	7.96	7.80
Nondurable Goods	333.26	336.27	341.15	38.0	38.3	39.9	8.77	8.78	8.55
Food & Kindred Products	373.64	368.93	368.74	40.7	39.5	41.2	9.18	9.34	8.95
Other Nondurable Goods	313.79	318.10	324.92	36.7	37.6	39.1	8.55	8.46	8.31

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